SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 231

By Finney R.

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Danielle Nicole Walker, 2007 Valedictorian of Alcoa High School.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those students who, through their natural talents and unflagging commitment to academic excellence, have distinguished themselves in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, Danielle Nicole Walker is one such exceptional student who was recently named Valedictorian of the 2007 graduating class at Alcoa High School; and

WHEREAS, through diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and steadfast commitment of time and talent, Danielle Walker has achieved outstanding academic success and has joined the ranks of the best and brightest students in Tennessee and our country; and

WHEREAS, in her remarkable high school career, Ms. Walker has earned an exemplary grade point average of 4.19, while participating in several extracurricular organizations, including Key Club, yearbook staff, newspaper, FCCLA, Scholars Bowl, Marching Band, as well as serving as football hostess and wrestling manager; and

WHEREAS, Danielle Walker is a faithful and devout member of First United Methodist Church, where she is an active participant in the youth group, youth choir, adult choir, and hand bell choir; she has also lent her time to Habitat for Humanity and Blount Memorial Hospital; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to accolades, Ms. Walker is a member of the National Honor Society and the National Society of High School Scholars; she has received the AAA Award and is listed in *Who's Who Among American High School Students*; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Walker's display of intellectual aptitude and ambition surely bodes well for her future success; and

WHEREAS, Danielle Walker's noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for her parents, Kevin and Rebecca Stephens, her school, and her community; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Walker's dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby commend and honor the 2007 Alcoa High School Valedictorian, Danielle Nicole Walker, on her impressive academic achievement and extend to her our best wishes for a happy, successful future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.

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